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Democratic Congressional Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic Congressional Committee held at Hutchinson on March 10, it was ordered that a delegate convention of the Democratic party of the Seventh Congressional District of Kansas be held at Dodge City, on Thursday, April 9th, 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress to be voted for at the special election ordered by the governor to be held on May 20, 1903, to elect a congressman to fill vacancy existing in the said office.

The delegates shall be elected in each manner and at such times and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Democratic County Central Committee of the respective counties.

The heads of representation in said convention shall be one delegate at large for each county, and also one delegate for each 200 votes and major fraction thereof cast for Hon. Vernon F. Rose for congress at the November election in 1902; provided however, that each county shall be entitled to at least two delegates in said convention, under which apportionment the several counties will be entitled to representation as follows:

Barber	4
Barton	4
Clark	2
Comanche	2
Edwards	2
Finney	2
Ford	2
Grant	2
Gray	2
Greenleaf	2
Hamilton	2
Harper	2
Harvey	2
Hodgeman	2
Haskell	2
Kingman	2
Kiowa	2
Kearney	2

The committee calling this convention recommends that no proxy shall be recognized in said convention unless the same is held by a resident Democrat of the county from which it is given.

All voters irrespective of past political affiliations, who are in accord with the principles enunciated in the Kansas City platform and opposed to Republican party policies and practices are cordially invited to join with us and participate in this convention.

W. E. WOOD, Chairman.
E. W. BLOCH, Secretary.
Syracuse, Kansas, March 11th, 1903.

Committee Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee of Barton County, at the office of Breeden & Dodge, on Saturday April 4, 1903, to arrange for the selection of 9 delegates to the Congressional Convention at Dodge City, April 9th. All members of the Peoples Party County Central Committee are earnestly requested to attend this meeting also and take part in any action there taken.

L. C. BREEDEN, Chm.
WILL E. STROKE, Sec.

An Opening For A Paper.

Some bright, energetic young Democrat, with a few hundred dollars ready cash and the proper push and integrity to make a live Democratic paper, can find an opening in a good, Oklahoma town, and a complete printing outfit, cheap, by addressing THE DEMOCRAT, Great Bend, Kans.

Free.

We are giving away the genuine sugar beet seed, to such farmers, individuals, and persons, as will give them a good trial this year. Fifty farmers have already taken out this seed and we want fifty more. Please remember that you don't lose a penny but make thereby, as you can sell every pound of beets you raise at a profit, and you will find that they make excellent fodder. If beet raising is found to be profitable, one of the largest factories can be established here, which means a great thing for the farmers of this country. You can get this beet seed at the E. R. Moses Merc., Co. By Order of the Commercial Club, Great Bend, Kans.

Andy Richards, the Sumner county candidate for congress was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Honnen and daughter returned from St. Joe Sunday evening.

Some girls who do fancy work do not fancy work.

Mat Dick and Bert Steckle were Ellinwoodites in the city Wednesday. A handsome piano was put into the high school room this week.

Call on Mrs. Stoke for pansy plants and outdoor bulbs.

Ed Schmelzer, who gets fat writing insurance, is in town.

Mary Jilg of Albert was visiting her sister in the city Friday.

Frank Baker of Hutchinson was in the city Wednesday.

Al Nimocks and family, of Hoisington, visited friends in the city and on the south side Tuesday.

"The Flower of the Family," by Dist. 15, was repeated Thursday night, at the Dist. 14 school house.

Miss Margaret Johnson, of the telephone exchange, has been quite ill for several days, and off duty.

Rev. Lipphardt and wife, of this city, visited friends down in Comanche the past couple of days.

\$1.98 will buy one dozen Cabinet photos at Wallace's photo car, as fine as can be made.

The infant son of Dr. H. E. Lindas was, at the last report, showing conditions of improvement.

L. C. Breeden has been confined to his home with illness for the past three days.

John Lindas, father of H. E. Lindas, the dentist, was down from Larned the first of the week.

FARMERS—See Newcombe for seed oats. Get them now, for they are going to be hard to get later.

Another meeting of the public will be held at the court house Saturday evening, the 21st, to complete plans for handling the convention visitors.

We can handle all your Poultry, Eggs and Game, at the highest cash price.

MORGAN, MILLER & Co.

Mrs. Stoke, on west Forest avenue, has just got in her first invoice of plants and flower seeds for spring planting. Make your selections early.

W. R. Tuttle, of Chicago, General Western Agent of the Continental Fire Insurance Co., and G. W. Griffith of Kansas City, State agent for same company were in town Thursday.

Notice.

We keep a full supply of all kinds of coffins, caskets robes, and undertaking supplies. We keep two graduate undertakers, Mr. J. Lester Cox and Mr. B. B. Bradfield. We have a new funeral car, as fine as in the west, also a hearse. We can give you good service at very reasonable prices. Should you need us Sundays or at night time please call on Mr. Cox on phone No. 230, Mr. Bradfield on phone No. 129, or E. R. Moses on phone No. 23.

Yours truly,
THE E. R. MOSES MERC. CO.,
Great Bend, Kansas.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

THE STATE OF KANSAS, ss:
BARTON COUNTY,
In the Probate Court in and for said County,
In the Matter of the Estate of Levi W. Johnson deceased.
Creditors and all other persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are hereby notified that I shall apply to the Probate Court, in and for said County, sitting at the Court House, in Great Bend, County of Barton, State of Kansas, on the 17 day of April A. D. 1903, for a full and final settlement of said Estate.
MARTY JOHNSON, Executor,
of the last will and testament, of LEVI W. JOHNSON deceased.
Great Bend, Kans., March 17, A. D. 1903.

EASTER OPENING

Wednesday, April 1st

You are cordially invited to call and see our new styles and get prices—which are lower than ever before.

Millinery Emporium

3 Doors west of Brinkman Bank.

The new addition to the Kendall hotel is about enclosed and ready for the plasterers.

How about that Riding or Walking lister you want? Come in and let us show you what we have in this line.

The Great Bend Implement Co.

Notice.

To my friends, patrons and the public in general. Beginning Saturday, March 7, I will run three chairs steady and will be able to serve our customers promptly. Everything neat and clean and up-to-date. If you want a good hair-cut or shave, shampoo or razor honed, or the best 5 cent cigar in the city be sure and go to—
FERGER'S BARBER SHOP.

Critical Ladies...

will find our line of Street Hats the best ever brought to Great Bend. Also our line of

Dress Hats

are all up to date and fully as attractive. We are offering our Millinery at such reasonable prices that you cannot fail to be pleased, and we invite your inspection of this most elegant stock.

Misses Schridde

Main Street, Opposite Hotel Greene

District 37.

Lash Linder is plowing up the pasture east of Will Logan's.

James Carroll is working for E. J. Eveleigh.

C. B. Wilson spent Sunday with his brother George in Eureka.

Joe Shields spent Sunday with his brother S. S. Shields.

The school is reading the trials of Harvey West.

Only one more month of school after this week. Exercises will be held the last day, either in daytime or evening.

Willie and Crissa Southern will take part in Prof. Frey's musical recital next Monday evening.

Lizzie and Jessie Eveleigh write that they are well pleased with the college at Sterling.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather not many from Dist. 37 attended the literary at 56 last Friday evening.

Miss May McDonald, from Windom, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jennie Murdie.

A number of our people attended the Y. M. C. A. dedication at Hoisington, Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Morgan received word that her father who lived in Kansas city died last week.

The A Grammar class produced biographies of Abraham Lincoln Friday.

John Stevenson writes that he is well pleased with the Salina Wesleyan Business college.

Mr. Wells, who has been living at Mr. Southern's, has moved to Hoisington.

Will Eveleigh went to Kansas City, the first of the week with a car load of cattle.

The creeping grass, the budding trees, the singing birds and tired feelings all indicate that spring is here.

Miss Cora Watson's school will close Saturday Mar. 21, with a program in the day time and also a dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Linder moved overland to Clark county last week where Mr. Linder has a large stock ranch.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Puleston have been sick, but at the present writing they are reported improving. Will Puleston was again called home from college on account of his mother's illness.

Quarterly meeting was held at Olivet Wednesday evening by the Presiding Elder. Rev. Gardner will hold services at Olivet Sunday, Mar. 29, before going to Conference. He preached an excellent sermon last Sunday.

A number of S. S. Shield's friends have been calling on him lately to ascertain his physical improvement. There seems to be no marked change in his condition although he is not as bad as reported.

Before you buy that hand separator, plow, wagon, buggy or any farm machinery for spring work, call on us. We'll save you money.
MILLER & HEMKER.

A Short Story -? of a Fire Sale.



HIS store never had one of those NEW FANGLED fire sales (and they seem to be quite popular) we came to the conclusion that we would try one. Of course it is with a great deal of reluctance (?) that we inaugurate a sale of this kind from the fact that we never had a fire, and hope we won't. Nevertheless fire sale(?) being in good order we decided to have one. The next question was, how to get it without a real fire. We racked our brain for several days, and finally after much thought, and a little expense we decided on a plan which we hope will meet the approval of the SUFFERING PUBLIC. One night last week we hid ourselves to our place of business, and with drawn blinds and much secrecy we went to work. With copious buckets of good PURE SPRING WATER and a few MATCHES, a CANDLE, a little BRAIN WORK and more SECRECY, and lo and behold a real (?) fire sprang forth. It took some time and perspiration but there it was staring us in the face. We felt like the boy that won the elephant, after he got it he did not know what to do with it. But as a fire sale was what we wanted, and what we got we did not dare to kick. We want to tell our friends and customers confidentially though, that during this sale these aforesaid goods will cost a trifle more, than goods that have not been through this grand fire sale(?) for look at the immense expense (?) we have been to to bring this great event to a focus. Water you know costs something and so do candles and matches, and the look at the wear and tear of the BRAIN. We will tell you what you can expect to see and buy when you come to this store, and that is a FIRST CLASS, CLEAN, stock of dry goods, clothing, and shoes, with no seconds, job lots, or inferior goods, at any price, but the highest quality at reasonable prices. You can't fool the people all the time, and our success has been made by taking the public into our confidence, and making their interests, our interests. We believe that these methods will win out, at least that is where this store stands and always will stand. We leave the decision to your judgment.



Sole Agents for
Butterick's
Patterns



Fred Dumont Smith of Kinsley, one of the red headed candidates for congress in this district, was pestivating in these parts Wednesday.

ROCK FOR SALE—We have ten car loads of first class white rock for sale. See us for prices.
W. F. KLEIN & Co.

RAFFINGTON, the dentist at Great Bend, will be in Pawnee Rock on the Second (2d) Monday and Tuesday of each month.

If you want an ad. or a poster as big as a barn or as small as a postage stamp and one which the best people of the county will read—see the DEMOCRAT.

To our Friends and Patrons

Spring has opened up and wheat is growing and you need a Header. Remember that

The McCormick

takes the lead in Harvesting Machinery, Grain and Corn Binders, Mowers and Rakes.

Rock Island Listers and Cultivators, also Kingman, will take the cake.

Woodmanse Windmills and Pumps, Turnbull and Charter Oak Wagons, Buggies and Surreys. Detroit Vapor Gasoline Stoves, also Steel Ranges and Cook Stoves.

Hardware of all kinds and Tinware

Also Repairing is done satisfactorily.

Call and see us and oblige,

Respectfully,

Miller & Hemker

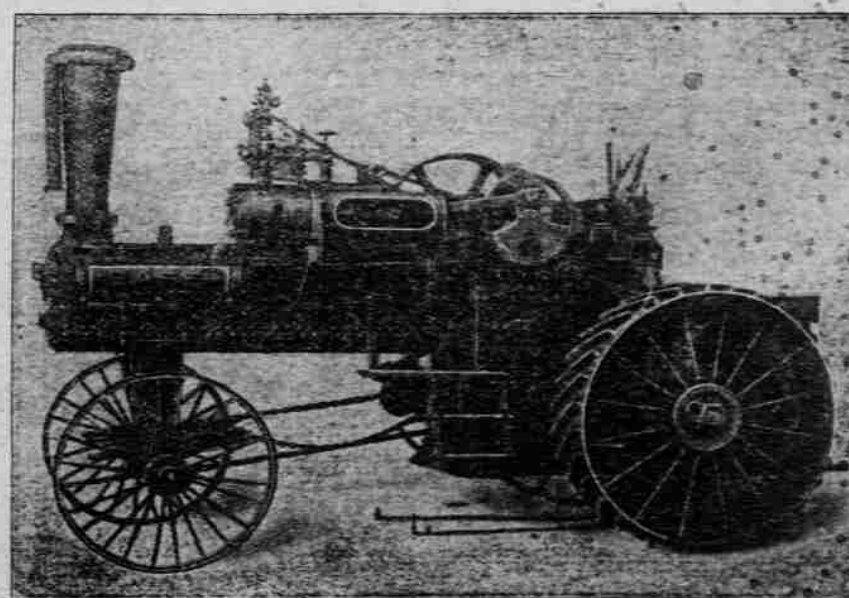
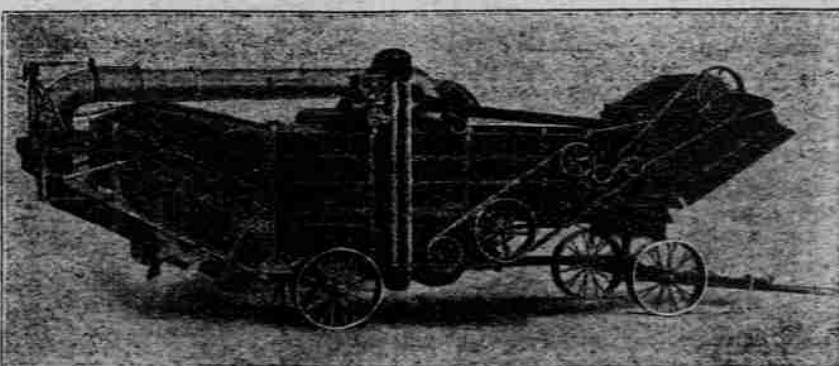
Are you Interested in Threshing Machines?

If so, I wish you to investigate the

Celebrated J. I. Case Sample Machine

Which will be on exhibition at Great Bend about April 15.

Take notice that the J. I. Case Machine Co. makes 35 per cent of all the threshing machines in America. Any information in regard to them will be cheerfully given by corresponding with me.



I wish to call your attention to our stock of

NEW AND SECOND-HAND GOODS

I sell all kinds of Stoves and Furniture. I repair Sewing Machines, Organs, Furniture, etc., etc. I also buy Brass, Copper, Iron and Rubber. When in town please call on me.

D. C. GLISSMAN